

Tearful Crowd Lines Path Of Presley Procession

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fainting from the heat, crowded around the gates of Presley's Graceland mansion Wednesday hoping to be among the lucky few who would get to see their idol one last time while the body was on public view. Only about 20,000 made it through the gates before the viewing was halted.

One woman who did get in to see Presley was Diane Brew, 30, a Rochester, N.Y. housewife.

"It was like a dream walking in there," she said. "It was so beautiful. The chandeliers . . . the red velvet. He looked beautiful. I've always dreamed I'd walk up to Graceland to see him."

Despite muggy, 90-degree heat, the fans lined the barricades five-deep Thursday in front of Presley's 18-room mansion, and police strung up yellow cord between telephone poles to hold back crowds along the route of the funeral procession.

Carnival Atmosphere

The tears that poured forth when Presley died last Tuesday of a heart attack at the age of 42 gave way to a carnival atmosphere Thursday and hucksters were out peddling their wares.

Elvis Presley tee-shirts and other mementoes were on sale, an ice cream man worked the crowd and several youths who cornered a large supply of the Wednesday edition of local newspapers — given over in large part to Presley's death — were selling them for \$5 a piece.

The Rev. C.W. Bradley, pastor of Woodale Church of Christ of Memphis, was cho-

sen to officiate at the private services.

The two women who were killed while waiting in front of the mansion early Thursday morning were Juanita Joanne Johnson and Alice Marie Hovatar, both 19, of Monroe, La. A third girl, Tammy Baiter, 17, of St. Clair, Mo., was critically injured and reportedly was barely clinging to life with a shattered pelvis.

Treatise Wheeler, 18, of Memphis, was arrested after the accident and charged with two counts of second-degree murder, drunken driving, leaving the scene of an accident, reckless driving and public drunkenness.

"I saw the car coming," said Nancy Mendola, 36, of Pittsburgh, one of an estimated 2,000 who kept an all night vigil outside the mansion. "I heard the screaming and hysteria" as the car careened into the crowd, she said. "It was awful."

Flowers Sent

Long before the arrival of Presley's body at Forest Hills Cemetery, fans had gathered outside the gates. Flower arrangements by the thousands were arrayed on the lawn around the marble mausoleum that served as Presley's final resting place.

The mausoleum is about 300 yards from the grave where Presley's mother, Gladys Smith Presley, was buried in 1958.

The cemetery itself is nestled among soft, rolling hills, about four miles north of Graceland mansion. The lawns are immaculately

kept and the grounds are studded with large, old trees — oaks, sycamores, firs, magnolias and dogwoods.

Mrs. Presley is buried on a soft slope of a small hill. The head of her grave is marked with a marble slab that says, "Sunshine of our home."

Ten feet up the hill from her grave is a eight-foot tall marble monument Presley erected in his mother's memory. It is a statue of Jesus Christ with his arms outstretched in front of a huge cross.

Family Room

The mausoleum is a one-story, soft gray marble structure with four columns forming a veranda in front. It will hold about 400 bodies and is almost full. Presley's family room within the mausoleum will hold eight bodies.

On the front lawn of the mausoleum, flowers were arranged in different shapes. One, a five-by-four-foot hound dog made of carnations was intended as a reminder of one of Presley's early recording hits, "You Ain't Nothing But a Hound Dog."

There was also a floral arrangement in the form of a six-foot long guitar, and still another massive arrangement with a ribbon proclaiming: "Elvis the king."

Presley's crypt within his family's room is directly to the right of the entrance. The hallway leading to his crypt will always be visible to the public, however it will be locked behind a laced wrought iron door.

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Ohio Firm Bids Low on State Bus Job

The Flxible Co. of Delaware, Ohio, Thursday was the apparent low bidder to build 280 new buses for the state-owned Connecticut Transit system, besting the giant GMC Truck and Coach Division of General Motors Corp. of Pontiac, Mich.

State Transportation Commissioner James F. Shugrue said Flxible offered to provide the buses for \$25.9 million while GMC, the only other bidder, quoted a \$27.5 million price.

The new buses will have wheelchair lifts for the handicapped and will make up 79 per cent of the system fleet for the Hartford, New Haven and Stamford areas.

Delivery is called for in six months.

The Department of Transportation will have two months to review the bids and make the final award.

The federal Urban Mass Transit Administration will pay 80 per cent of the purchase price.

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Court Overrules Condominium Ban

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A Florida appeals court has ruled that condominiums cannot bar children even when advertised as adult communities.

The ruling by the 4th District Court of Appeal said that barring young children was an unconstitutional "violation of the (rights) . . . to marry and procreate."

The ruling rankled many elderly residents of adults-only condominium complexes along the Gold Coast. Many condominium owners from around the state said they would join an appeal of Tuesday's ruling to the Florida Supreme Court.

"I love children, but from a distance," said one resident.

The impact of the ruling was not immediately known.

The appeals court ruling overturned a circuit court decision in a case involving the White Egret Condomi-

um Inc., in Fort Lauderdale. The complex wanted to bar the preteen children of two West Virginia families from the condominium. Two brothers, Marvin and Norman Franklin, had bought the residence as a vacation home for their families.

The condominium filed suit against the Franklins. But they fought back, citing three U.S. Supreme Court rulings on marriage and contraceptives.

"The decision goes against the entire concept of condo living," said Sidney Nerzig, president of the Condominium Cooperative Executive Council of Florida.

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